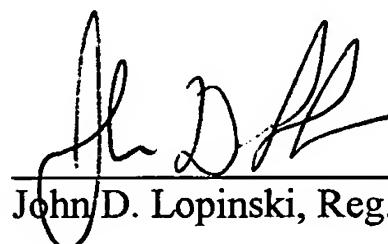


REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2005, Applicants herewith file a request for a one-month extension and the required fee for the purpose of maintaining copendency for a continuation application being filed on this date under separate cover. If any additional fee is due, the Examiner is authorized to charge it to Deposit Account No. 08-2442.

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